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**Policy Bulletin:** Addendum to Environmental Modifications Policy  
**Applicable to:** All Home and Community Based Waiver Providers  
**Effective:** March 1, 2012

Effective March 1, 2012, an addendum to the home and community based waiver policy regarding Environmental Modifications will remove the requirement that permanent ramps can only be constructed of wood material.

Addendum to the Environmental Modifications Policy, **Section VIII Modifications/items – Covered, F. Ramp** - limited to one per individual primary residence, and only when no other accessible ramp exists:

1. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG), unless this is not in the best interest of the client.
2. Portable – considered for rental property only
3. Permanent
4. Vertical lift – may be considered in lieu of a ramp if there is photographic and written documentation that shows it is not possible for a ramp to be used.

In addition to this change, the State would like to invite for public comment on the full Environmental Modifications Policy, attached. This policy will be posted for 30 days on the Division of Disabilities and Rehabilitative Services' [Draft policies for Public Comment webpage](#). Please respond with your comments to [DDRSolicies@fssa.IN.gov](mailto:DDRSolicies@fssa.IN.gov) by March 30, 2012.

This policy will be revised to reflect this and other changes after the 30 day comment period expires.

